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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to a method of treatment by modulating a peroxisome proliferator activated receptor by employing a compound of Structural Formula (I). The variables in I are defined herein. Also included are compounds, methods of making compounds, and pharmaceutical compositions. The compounds of the present invention are believed to be effective in treating and preventing Syndrome X, Type II diabetes, hyperglycemia, hyperlipidemia, obesity, coagulopathy, hypertension, atherosclerosis, and other disorders related to Syndrome X and cardiovascular diseases.

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 50-100 and 108-114 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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Continuation of Box I.1

Claims Nos.: 50-100, 108-114

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1-11, 19, 28, 29, 38, 47-62, 70, 79, 80, 89, 98-100(all part)

Present claim 1 and all claims referring back to the current general formula relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds thereby encompassing known specific compounds. Besides the unlimited expressions "aryl", "heteroaryl", "aliphatic linker" etc. which among others may all be optionally substituted (see description) in particular the undefined connectivities give rise to a very large number of alternatives. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds of claims 12-18, 20-27, 30-37 and 39-46 (which have in common that "E" represents "C(R3)(R4)COOH or COO<sup>H</sup>", "R2" is a bond and "R33" represents phenyl, optionally substituted by "R10 or R11", compositions containing the same and uses thereof. All of the examples are included thereby.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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### Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: 50-100, 108-114  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
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3.  Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

### Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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#### Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.  
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